



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2024

Dear Maltese Road Families



Key Stage 1 Stay and Read - Friday 4th October

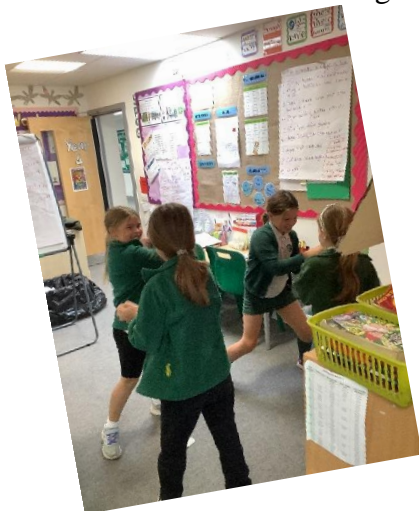
Thank you to all of the parents were able to make it to our 'stayed to read' this morning. The children had a wonderful time reading and sharing books with an adult and their friends. Here are some of the children's responses, from Year 2, why they loved our stay and read this morning;

'I enjoyed reading with my friends' 'I read with my friend's mummy and it was fun!' 'I love spending time with my parents' 'I there were so many great books' 'My mummy came' 'My little sister came and she makes me happy' 'I am now closer to finishing my book'



This week, we have seen some wonderful creative learning from our Year 4 class and Year 6 class.

In year 4, the children have been learning about the first Viking invasions. They acted out the battle which resulted in Alfred the Great agreeing to allow the Vikings some land to settle in England.



In Year 6, the children have been working hard on their compositions in Music.



House Captains

This week a group of brave Year 6 candidates stood in front of their House Teams and gave a speech about why they should be House Captain. Each house then voted for two house captains and the following children won the votes:

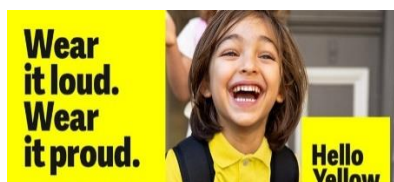
Lovelace: Kate and Zehra

Marconi: Summer and Yusuf

Hawkin: Tariq and Sophie

Jemison: Kylie and Sophia T

A huge well done to everybody else who put themselves forward - we were so impressed by the effort that had gone into writing and practicing the speeches. World Leaders in the making!



To celebrate World Mental Health Day next week, at Maltese Road we will be dressing down and wearing something yellow on **Friday 11th October**

Parent Teacher Consultations – Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October

Appointments will be available to book from 6pm on Monday 14th October. You will find the booking system on our school website under Parents, Parents Evening Booking System. When logging in please make sure you use the email address that you receive school communications to, and your child's details as held by the school.

Prospective Parents Reception September 2025 Intake – We will be welcoming prospective Reception class parents to our presentation on Wednesday 13th November or Wednesday 20th November at 1:30pm. Please pop along on either date to meet our staff and find out all about the EYFS curriculum.



Harvest

We would like to invite families to our forthcoming harvest assemblies taking place at the church on Maltese Road. The days and timing are below;

KS1 (Reception and Year 1 and Year 2) Wednesday 23rd October at 9am

KS2 (Years 3-6) Friday 25th October at 9am

We know that these events are special milestones in children's school lives and that families will want to take photos and videos. Please ensure that these are only for your own private memories and are not shared on social media. It is likely that other children will be in them and their families may not want their children on line for a number of reasons, some of which may be for safeguarding purposes.



As usual we will be supporting Chelmsford Food Bank who would be hugely grateful of any donations you can send in, if you are able.

What Food to Donate?

The shopping list below shows the food items that are needed to pack most food parcels. They almost always have enough beans and pasta because these are the items people think of first, but often run out of UHT milk, tinned meat meals, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit and long-life fruit juice. All food donated should be in-date, unopened and the sort of food that can be kept in a cupboard without refrigeration, e.g. tins and packets (and not chilled or frozen).

Items that they are currently in most need of are as follows:

Small jars of coffee	Male and female toiletries	Breakfast Cereal
Tea bags 40 and 80s	Laundry pods/tabs (only)	Tins of meat meals
UHT Fruit Juice	Washing up liquid	Tinned hot dogs
UHT Milk	Toilet rolls	Tinned fish
Milk - non dairy	Rice	Tinned pulses
Fruit Squash	Tinned fruit	Tinned tomatoes
Cup soups	Tinned custard	Tinned vegetables
Tinned soup	Pasta Sauces	Instant Mash

Secondary School Applications - September 2025

The new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday 12th September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2024.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions 99% of parents applied online last year. All the information required is available on the website above and the website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. Parents must apply for places as, even with an application, your choice of place is not guaranteed.



It has been brought to our attention by a number of residents that parents are parking irresponsibly along Maltese Road, especially on the corner near the Church. IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE to park over driveways or double yellow lines. Please make sure that you are respectful to the residents. Please also do not let your children sit, or walk along the garden walls.



Healthy snack -

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day. We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks.

Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate.

Children in **EYFS and KS1** have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child please limit them to the list below.

Vegetables/ vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot.

A piece of cheese (cheddar cheese or Babybel).

A piece of fresh or dried fruit – pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.

breads are also good snacks Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes and small pitta.

We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy and no chocolate, sweets or crisps during breaktime.



We are a nut aware school; we have children and adults with nut allergies, which could be very dangerous for them to be in contact. Please ensure that you check ingredients of all foods sent into school, even items you buy regularly, as there can be changes, to ensure there are no issues.

Important messages:-

- ✓ If there is a change in circumstances when collecting your child from school at the end of the day, **you must telephone the school office by 2:30pm at the latest.**
- ✓ If you need to contact your class teacher at any time please feel free to use ClassDojo, or the class email address found on our website.
- ✓ Please ensure that if your child is not attending school that you phone the school office every day of the absence on (01245) 357 860 to inform us by **9:00am.**
- ✓ Please note that any urgent messages must be contacted by telephone and not email, as these messages may not be seen until the following day.

Attendance Award:

Hedgehog Class

Maltese Road Values

Respect	
Resilience	Ethan, Remy, Izaak
Responsibility	Ruby
Creativity	Myles
Collaboration	Maggie
Compassion	
Courage	Deveki

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th October 15th – 18th October 23rd October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hello Yellow Day – Dress Down & Wear Something Yellow Year 6 Bikeability – Details to Follow Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival at Church of Ascension – Parents Invited 9:00am Parents Evening Book Fair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24th October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents Evening Book Fair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25th October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival at Church of Ascension – Parents Invited 9:00am PTA Halloween Event
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28th October – 1st November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th November 2024 11th November 12th November 15th November 25th November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 & Year 4 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral – Details to Follow SEND Coffee Morning Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford Children in Need Flu Immunisations – Details to Follow Year 5 & Year 6 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29th December 5th December 6th December 9th December 10th December 11th December 12th December 13th December 17th December 19th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Stage 1 Stay and Read – 8:30am – 9:30am – Details to Follow Reception Class Nativity – Details to Follow Stay and Share Afternoon – Details to Follow Key Stage 1 Nativity – Parents Invited 9:15am in the School Hall Key Stage 1 Nativity – Parents Invited 9:15am in the School Hall Snow White Pantomime – Details to Follow Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day PTA Christmas Craft and Shopping – Details to Follow Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – Details to Follow Last Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6th January 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Spring Term 2025

2024-2025 Term Dates

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28th October to 1st November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23rd December – 3rd January 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6th January 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Spring Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17th – 21st February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Spring Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7th – 17th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22nd April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Day Bank Holiday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26th May – 30th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st & 22nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Days



SEND Coffee Morning



I am very pleased to be able to invite you to Maltese Road's SEND Coffee Morning.

This will be an opportunity for parents who have children with SEND who attend our school to meet one another and share experiences. Your child does not need a SEND diagnosis to attend, **anyone is welcome!**

There will be hot drinks, cakes and biscuits; as well as the chance to get together in a relaxed and friendly setting.

It is always great to realise that you are not alone on this journey!

This coffee morning will be led by Mrs Almond, SENco, I look forward to catching up with you then! 😊

Our next SEND Coffee morning is

Monday 11th November at 8:30am.

This will be focused on catching up and plans and ideas for this year! 😊

PTA NEWS

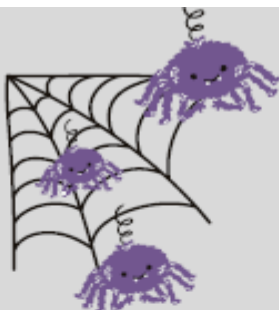
Dates for your Diary

25th October

PTA Halloween Event

13th December

PTA Christmas Craft and Shopping – Details to Follow



Happy Halloween

Your PTA would like to invite all children to come dressed in spooks and sparkles (not scary!) fancy dress or dress down (something black, orange or purple) on Friday 25th October.

We kindly ask that no masks be worn or scary accessories be brought to school. We are asking for donations of £1 per child, to be handed to your child's teacher on arrival.



After school from 3pm there will be a Halloween treat shop selling sweets, cakes and other refreshments, as well as some lucky dips! This will be outside the year 2 classroom. In the event it is raining, we will move this to the undercover area outside the school hall.

Prices will range from 50p - £3. Loose change gratefully received, though card terminals will be available for a minimum spend.

One of the PTA's goals this year is to renovate the Rainbow Room. The Rainbow Room is the designated space to support students' sensory preferences and needs.

Unfortunately the Rainbow Room is currently dated and lacking in sensory equipment. Our aim is to raise £400 from the Halloween fundraising to go towards this renovation.

We really appreciate all your support and donations and look forward to sharing with you the before and after transformation of our Rainbow Room!

Thank you!



Maltese Road Primary School Uniform and PE Kit

A reminder for the new school year that all children should be coming to school in the correct school uniform and PE kits. Here's a reminder of our uniform:-

Our uniform supplier is One Stop School Gear, Unit 1 Beehive Business Centre, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9TE Telephone number 01245 214084

The school uniform is; grey trousers or skirts/pinafores,
plain white shirts,
school grey jumper or cardigan with school logo
school tie.

In the summer: girls may wear the green and white checked summer dress, girls socks should be white and may be knee length or ankle.

Boys may wear grey school shorts.

Plain, black shoes only. No flip-flops, high heels, boots or open-toed sandals.

The PE kit is; white polo shirt with logo or plain white t-shirt, no slogans,
green shorts, or green, black or dark grey tracksuit bottoms/leggings in the winter, no slogans,
trainers (Reception class are required to wear plimsolls).
All items should be clearly named.

For pierced ears – very small studs only please - this is an Essex County Council ruling to comply with safety regulations.

No hoops or dangling earrings.

1 small stud only per ear.

Child must be able to remove their own earrings for PE lessons.

Tape is no longer permitted.

All other jewellery, including rings, bracelets and necklaces are forbidden.

No make-up or nail varnish to be worn at school and extreme hair styles / colours are not permitted. Children are not permitted to wear hair accessories that are non-school uniform colours and they should not wear extreme or overly large hair accessories.

Mid Essex Secondary Schools

Open Evenings for Years 7 and 12 and Tours for 2025-2026 intake

The Boswells School

Tel: 01245 264451 www.boswells-school.com



The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Meet Our Students

Date: Saturday 21 September 2024
Timing: 9.30 am and 10.30 am. Please contact Reception to book.

The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 2 October 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm

The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Dates: 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 September 2024
Timing: 9.15 am to 10.30 am. Booking required. Arrive at Reception 9.10 am

The Boswells School - Sixth Form Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 6 November 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Booking required.
Headteacher's presentation: 6.00 pm and 6.45 pm
Sixth Form Open Morning tours: Wednesday 13 November 2024, 9.15 am

Chelmsford County High School

Tel: 01245 352592 www.cchs.co.uk



Chelmsford County High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 May 2025
Timing: 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm and 6.15 pm

Chelmsford County High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 3 October 2024
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm

Hylands School

Tel: 01245 266766 www.hylands-ksat.org



Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 3 October 2024
Timing: 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.15 pm and 6.30 pm

Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Week commencing Monday 7 October 2024. Please contact Reception to book.

Hylands School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 14 November 2024
Timing: 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm

The Beaulieu Park School

Tel: 01245 943400 www.beaulieuparkschool.com



The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Monday 30 September 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Executive Headteacher's presentations: 6.15 pm, 6.55 pm and 7.35 pm

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Various dates in September and October. Please visit our website to book.

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Monday 4 November 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Please visit our website to book.
Head of School and Director of Sixth Form presentations: 6.15 pm

Chelmer Valley High School

Tel: 01245 440232 www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk



Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 19 September 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Dates: 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 September 2024
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am. Booking required. Arrive at Reception 8.55am

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 10 October 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.45 pm

Great Baddow High School

Tel: 01245 265821 www.gbhs.co.uk



Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 24 September 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Headteacher's presentation: 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Tour times by appointment throughout September and October 2024. Please contact the school office to book an appointment.

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Sport Selection Day

Saturday 5 October 2024 (Application deadline midday on Friday 27 September 2024). Application via the school website: www.gbhs.co.uk

Great Baddow High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 23 October 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.30 pm (external applications only) and 6.15 pm (Internal students)

King Edward VI Grammar School

Tel: 01245 353510 www.kegs.org.uk



King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 7 Entry Open Days

Tours in Spring and Summer 2025 for Year 5 students will be advertised on our website.

King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 13 November 2024
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.00 pm and 6.30 pm - no booking required

King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 12 Open Afternoon

Date: Wednesday 15 January 2025
Timing: 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm
This event is for those unable to attend our Year 12 Open Evening on Wednesday 13 November 2024.

Mid Essex Secondary Schools

Open Evenings for Years 7 and 12 and Tours for 2025-2026 intake *continued...*

Moulsham High School

Tel: 01245 260101 www.moulshamhigh.org



Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 19 September 2024
 Timing: 5.45 pm to 8.15 pm
 Headteacher's presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm
 Music aptitude presentation: 7.00 pm

Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: 24, 25 and 26 September and 1, 2, 3, 7 and 11 October 2024
 Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am on all days

Moulsham High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 14 November 2024
 Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
 Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

Ormiston Rivers Academy

Tel: 01621 782377

www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 12 September 2024
 Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
 Headteacher's presentation: 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm

Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Monday 16 September until Friday 27 September 2024

Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 1 October 2024
 Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
 Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 7.00 pm

Plume Maldon's Community Academy

Tel: 01621 854681 www.plume.essex.soh.uk



Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 26 September 2024
 Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
 Headteacher's presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm

Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Monday 7 to Friday 18 October 2024.
 Please refer to the Plume Academy website to book your tour.

Plume Academy - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 3 October 2024
 Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
 Headteacher and Head of College presentations: 6.30 pm

The Sandon School

Tel: 01245 473611

www.sandon.essex.soh.uk



The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 3 October 2024
 Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm
 Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Various dates in September and October - please contact our reception team.

The Sandon School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 24 October 2024
 Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
 Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.30 pm

St John Payne Catholic School

Tel: 01245 256030 www.sjp.essex.soh.uk



St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 26 September 2024
 Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
 Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm and 7.45 pm

St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Please contact the school to arrange a visit. We look forward to meeting you.

St John Payne Catholic School - Year 12 Entry Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 13 November 2024
 Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.15 pm
 Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.45 pm

William de Ferrers School

Tel: 01245 326326 www.wdf.sohool



William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 19 September 2024
 Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
 Executive Headteacher's presentations: 6.20 pm and 7.00 pm

William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Various dates in September and October, please contact our reception team to book.

William de Ferrers School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 7 November 2024
 Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
 Head of School and Director of Sixth Form presentations: 6.20 pm

Parents and carers can apply for their child's school place online using the Essex Online Admissions Service at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Alternatively an application form can be found on their website or you can request a form by calling 0345 603 2200 or use the one at the end of The Secondary Education in Essex 2024/2025 Booklet (if you would prefer to apply on paper). **Please do not do both.**

You will be able to make your application online from **12 September 2024**.

The closing date for secondary applications is **31 October 2024**. This is the statutory national closing date set by the Government.



HALF TERM FUN, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER **ST. FRANCIS, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER **KELVEDON HATCH, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER **SOUTHMINSTER,
CHANCELLOR PARK, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER **PURLEIGH, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER **MALTESE ROAD, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

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WEDNESDAYS VR EXPERIENCE

THURSDAYS NERF TARGET PRACTICE • FRIDAYS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENTS



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